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In re Application of:

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For: *HELICOBACTER FELIS* VACCINE

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 20, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination of the claims in the above-referenced application, please further amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please further amend claims 23, 30, 34, 38, 40, 46 and 49 according to the following replacement claims.

23. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding two subunit polypeptides of a urease complex such as expressed by *Helicobacter felis*, said nucleotide sequence having at least 85% homology with SEQ ID NO: 1, or a part of said nucleotide sequence encoding at least an immunogenic fragment of one of said subunits, said part having a length of at least 40 nucleotides.

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